



Atty. Docket: ITW-13111

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Schneider et al. : Group Art Unit: 3721

Serial No.: 10/042,985 : Examiner: Truong, T.K.

Filed: October 19, 2001

Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER
PACKAGE AND RELATED METHODS
OF MANUFACTURE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on September 9, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants submit the following argument in support of allowing this case.

ARGUMENT

In ¶ 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3-11, 13-23, 49, 52, 54 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,360,513 to Strand et al. ("Strand"). The Applicants traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

In the first place, the Applicants object to the Final Rejection on the ground that it is deficient and contrary to the rules of examination. As set forth at MPEP § 707.07(f):

Where the applicant traverses any rejection, the examiner should, if he or she repeats the rejection, take note of the applicant's argument and answer the substance of it.

NOT ENTERED
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